

# August/September School Meals at Home/P-EBT



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!

We sent you this letter because you will be getting P-EBT food assistance benefits to be used for food items anywhere EBT Cards are accepted.

You did not apply for these benefits, but you have a child or children in your household who are eligible for free/reduced meals at their school. The P-EBT benefit is \$5.86 per day for each day your child's **school was closed** or your child has been **learning virtually for at least five days in a row**, between August 31 and September 30. If you are receiving SNAP benefits, your P-EBT benefits will be added to your current SNAP EBT card. If you are not receiving SNAP benefits and you received these benefits on a P-EBT card during the last school year, your benefits will be issued to that same card. If you have never received P-EBT benefits before, you will be mailed a P-EBT card at the address on file at the school of your child(ren).

Participation in the program is voluntary. If you choose not to participate in the program, please dispose of your card by cutting through the magnetic stripe on the card and discard the card in a secure manner. You will not be able to redeem the food benefits, nor can you transfer the card to someone else.

If you have any questions, please call the RI Department of Human Services at **1-855-697-4347**.

### Question 1



#### ***What happens next?***

If you receive a P-EBT card in the mail, it will be in the *school-aged child's name*, not the parent's name. You may have or receive more than one card if you have multiple children eligible for this benefit. Please keep the card(s). Benefits may be added to that same card in future months if the federal government continues these benefits.

### Question 2



#### ***How much will be on the card?***

The benefit amount for each student will be different based on the student's attendance status with their school. Children in the same household may have different benefit amounts. Benefits will be available on or around September 30th.

### Question 3



#### ***How do I activate the P-EBT card?***

If your card is new, it will need to be activated. Call the phone number on the back of the card. You will need the EBT card number on the front of the card, your zip code, and the date of birth of the child named on the card. You will need to set a four-digit pin number. If you had a card before but no longer have it, you can call **1-888-979-9939** to request a new card.

### Things to know...

- You may receive your benefits in two separate issuances: one for the first two weeks of the school year (for public schools) and one for the period of time the student was learning virtually for at least 5 days in a row.
- **P-EBT benefits are only available through September 30, 2020 at this time.**

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